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Governor's Office of Homeland Security Announces \$40 Million for Port Security from Proposition 1B Funding

SACRAMENTO – California Homeland Security Director Matthew Bettenhausen announced \$40 million dollars toward improving Port Security in the state. The funds come from voter- approved Prop 1B, a measure which Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger strongly advocated to improve infrastructure, security, and public safety.

The Governor and his Office of Homeland Security (OHS), led by director Matthew Bettenhausen, have worked extensively with the State Legislature to increase funding to secure California's ports.

"From day one I have said that public safety is my number one priority. That is why I championed Proposition 1B and added security funds to the measure for port and transportation security," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "We must continue our efforts to upgrade the state's security infrastructure to protect lives and the economy of California."

One billion of the nearly 20 billion dollars approved will be allocated to enhance security and safety in the ports and mass transit systems. California voters approved Proposition 1B in November of 2006, which enacted the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. California's ports handle nearly half of the nation's containerized goods.

"The threat to our port system is one of the most fundamental challenges we face," said Director Matthew Bettenhausen. "The threat to California's economy is very real if our port system is vulnerable to a terrorist attack. I applaud the Governor for his vision as we work to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism or natural disaster."

“Ensuring our ports’ security is vital to a vibrant economy and will help keep California competitive on a global stage,” said Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Dale E. Bonner. “Over a million jobs are directly attributable to our ports, which serve as a lifeline to international trade. Better and more efficient security will allow the ports to maintain and grow their customer base while protecting these jobs and enhancing safety.”

Under the 2007/2008 current year budget, Proposition 1B allocates a total of \$40 million dollars to the eleven (11) ports in California’s system.

• Humboldt Harbor	\$ 586,500
• Hueneme	\$ 2,461,848
• Long Beach	\$ 8,368,345
• Los Angeles	\$10,066,000
• Oakland	\$ 3,800,000
• Redwood City	\$ 451,480
• Richmond	\$ 3,404,507
• Sacramento	\$ 1,026,728
• San Diego	\$ 2,550,000
• San Francisco	\$ 3,117,512
• Stockton	\$ 4,167,080

News conferences to announce the awards are set for Thursday in Los Angeles/Long Beach and Friday in the San Francisco Bay Area as follows:

Thursday, February 14, 2:00pm.

Port of Long Beach, 925 Harbor Plaza, front lawn of Administration Building, Long Beach.

Friday, February 15, 11:30am..

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park, Oakland (Middle Harbor Road, end of 7th St.).

The Governor’s Office of Homeland Security is charged with administering the Prop 1B funds. It’s part of California’s strategies to protect its 37 million residents from man-made or natural disaster. Prop 1B funding will supplement the nearly \$171 million coming to California in 2008 from Federal Department of Homeland Security Grants funding.

For further information regarding the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security please visit our website, www.homeland.ca.gov.